

**TO:** BJ/Ed  
**FROM:** John  
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**RE:** Questions

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- Some people say that the problem with education in Mississippi is that our schools need more funding.

Other people say that the problem with education in Mississippi is that we don't get better results for what we already spend.

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- Some people say that all teachers need to get equal pay raises.

Other people say that individual teachers should get pay raises based on their performance.

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- Some people say that local school districts perform better when they get more supervision and direction from the state Department of Education.

Other people say that local school districts perform better when they get less supervision and direction from the state Department of Education and more local control and decision-making.

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- Some people say that the number of school districts in Mississippi is fine the way it is and should not be changed.

Other people say that Mississippi has too many school districts and that some districts, like yours, should be combined with neighboring districts to save money.

- Some people say that school administrators are a valuable part of a child's education and should be paid more so Mississippi can get the best.

Other people say that school administrators make too much money, are not critical to a child's education and should be reduced in number to put more money in the classroom.

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- Some people say that since Mississippi is having budget problems, state leaders should raise taxes on cigarettes or other things to raise money for things like education.

Other people say that since Mississippi is having budget problems, state leaders should cut other services and reduce the number of state employees to fund things like education.